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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, NH
SUBJECT: NEW HEBRIDES SITUATION

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1. WHEN ASKED RECENTLY IF HE KNEW OF A CERTAIN BRIAN JEFFORD WHO SEEMS TO ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH VANUAAKU PARTY AND ESPECIALLY ITS PRESIDENT, WALTER LINI, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID THAT HE WAS AN "UNSAVORY CHARACTER." HE SPOKE OF A CRIMINAL RECORD INVOLVING EMBEZZLEMENT AND FRAUD. HE WAS PUZZLED THAT LINI STILL CONTINUES DEALING WITH HIM DESPITE WARNINGS BY UK ABOUT JEFFORD'S RECORD.

2. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER WENT ON TO DRAW AN ANALOGY BETWEEN JEFFORD AND JACK MEIER WHO HAD SUCH SUCCESS IN GAINING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE KING OF TONGA AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

3. WE SUSPECT THAT JEFFORD IS PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VP AND LINI WHICH EXPLAINS PERHAPS WHY THE
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LATTER IS NOT HEEDING UK ADVICE. LINI AND SOPE MENTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT JEFFORD WAS "SENDING THEM" THEIR TICKETS TO NEW YORK.
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